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Introduced by Mr. For, of Onslow.

W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

A BILL TO INCREASE THE PATROL OF THIS STATE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the*
2 *State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the*
3 *authority of the same,* That a majority of the justices of
4 the peace in and for each every county in this State may
5 and they are hereby authorized and required to meet at
6 their respective court houses either during term of court or
7 during vacation, on any day, and appoint a patrol for their
8 county not to exceed fifty in number, whose duty it shall
9 be to ride in the night as well as in the day, and to patrol
10 on foot and on horseback throughout their respective
11 counties and to arrest all suspected persons and keep good
12 order among the slaves.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the patrol so appoint-
2 ed shall have power to elect a captain and one lieutenant,
3 where the number of the patrol may be fifty, and a lieu-
4 tenant only where the number appointed is less than fifty.
5 The officers and men so appointed shall be armed and
6 equipped by the State, and receive the same pay, clothing
7 and rations that are allowed soldiers and officers in the
8 Confederate service.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the patrol so appoint-
2 ed shall continue in office at the option of the justices, who
3 may meet at their court house on any day after notice
4 from their chairman, a majority being present and dismiss,
5 disband, and discharge a portion or all of the patrol at their
6 choice.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the chairman of the 2 county court or any three justices in and for any county 3 in the State, may, and they are hereby authorized to re- 4 quire the sheriff of their respective counties to summons 5 the justices to meet at the court house in their county at 6 any time, when their services may be required.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That in selecting the patrol 2 they shall select persons from every district in the county 3 so as apportion the labor among the districts equally as far 4 as may be possible so to do.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in 2 force from and after its passage.

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